

Senate File 445 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 29)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to additional weighting for limited English
2 proficient students and including effective date and
3 applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 j. Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to ~~non-English-speaking~~ limited English
5 proficient pupils after the expiration of the ~~five-year~~ period
6 of years specified in [section 280.4](#).

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2019,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 a. In order to provide funds for the excess costs of
10 instruction of limited English proficient students specified
11 in paragraph "b" above the costs of instruction of pupils in
12 a regular curriculum, students identified as limited English
13 proficient shall be assigned an additional weighting of
14 ~~twenty-two hundredths~~ two hundred ninety-five thousandths, and
15 that weighting shall be included in the weighted enrollment of
16 the school district of residence for a period not exceeding
17 ~~five~~ the period of years specified in paragraph "b". However,
18 the school budget review committee may grant supplemental aid
19 or a modified supplemental amount to a school district to
20 continue funding a program for students after the expiration of
21 ~~the five-year~~ specified period of years.

22 Sec. 3. Section 282.18, subsection 7, paragraph b,
23 subparagraph (1), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The board of directors of the district of residence
25 shall pay to the receiving district the sum of the state cost
26 per pupil for the previous school year plus either the teacher
27 leadership supplement state cost per pupil for the previous
28 fiscal year as provided in [section 257.9](#) or the teacher
29 leadership supplement foundation aid for the previous fiscal
30 year as provided in [section 284.13, subsection 1](#), paragraph "d",
31 if both the district of residence and the receiving district
32 are receiving such supplements, plus any moneys received for
33 the pupil as a result of the ~~non-English-speaking~~ limited
34 English proficient weighting under section 280.4, subsection
35 3, for the previous school year multiplied by the state cost

1 per pupil for the previous year. If the pupil participating in
2 open enrollment is also an eligible pupil under [section 261E.6](#),
3 the receiving district shall pay the tuition reimbursement
4 amount to an eligible postsecondary institution as provided in
5 section 261E.7.

6 Sec. 4. Section 282.18, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code
7 2019, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. If a request under [this section](#) is for transfer to the
9 research and development school, as described in [chapter 256G](#),
10 the student who is the subject of the request shall be included
11 in the basic enrollment of the student's district of residence
12 and the board of directors of the district of residence shall
13 pay to the research and development school the state cost per
14 pupil for the previous school year, plus any moneys received
15 for the pupil as a result of the ~~non-English speaking limited~~
16 English proficient weighting under section 280.4, subsection
17 3, for the previous school year multiplied by the state cost
18 per pupil for the previous year.

19 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
20 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
22 years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill relates to limited English proficient education by
27 increasing the amount of supplementary weighting for limited
28 English proficient students.

29 Current Code section 280.4 provides supplementary weighting
30 for the excess costs of instruction of limited English
31 proficient students. The current amount of the additional
32 weighting for students identified as limited English proficient
33 is 0.22 per student. The weighting is provided for those
34 students first determined to be limited English proficient for
35 a budget year beginning on or after July 1, 2010, and may be

1 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district for
2 a period not exceeding five years.

3 The bill increases the amount of the additional weighting
4 for students identified as limited English proficient from 0.22
5 per student to 0.295 per student.

6 The bill also makes statutory changes to provide uniformity
7 in referring to limited English proficient pupils.

8 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
9 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.